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National Preparedness Month Emergency Response Exercise

Waukesha County – September 7, 2006 – The Waukesha County Emergency Preparedness Committee is sponsoring a mass casualty exercise on September 14, 2006 in cooperation with local Fire Departments, law enforcement agencies, Waukesha County Emergency Management and four local hospitals. The exercise will be conducted in phases initially beginning with contaminated patients at Elmbrook Memorial Hospital, followed by additional patients seeking care at Community Memorial. The main body of the exercise begins at 4pm with a simulated explosion at the Bark River Apartments on the Three Pillars campus, 36225 Sunset Drive in Dousman.

The scenario involves a simulated clandestine lab releasing toxic fumes during a gathering at the apartment complex. Several visiting people become ill and leave, ultimately seeking medical care at Elmbrook Memorial and Community Memorial Hospitals. At approximately 4pm, a simulated explosion occurs causing another 25-30 injuries. Artificial smoke will be used in the building to add realism to the event. Local fire and law enforcement agencies will respond to manage patient care and transport to Oconomowoc Memorial and Waukesha Memorial Hospitals. All hospitals will practice their patient decontamination protocols.

The exercise is designed to enhance inter-agency cooperation, communications, mass casualty and decontamination protocols. The following agencies are scheduled to participate in the exercise: city of Brookfield Fire, city of Delafield Fire, town of Delafield Fire, village of Dousman Police and Fire, village of Eagle Fire, Flight for Life, village of Ixonia Fire, Jefferson County Dispatch, village of Menomonee Falls Fire, village of Mukwonago Dispatch, village North Prairie Fire, city of Oconomowoc Dispatch and Fire, village of Palmyra Fire, village of Stone Bank Fire, town of Summit Police and Fire, village of Sullivan Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Wales/Genesee Fire, town of Waukesha Fire, Community Memorial, Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare - Elmbrook Memorial, Oconomowoc Memorial and Waukesha Memorial Hospitals, as well as Waukesha County's Emergency Management office, Communications Center, and Sheriff's department

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